

# LIVE FROM



# Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

Where responsible Griffins S.O.A.R!  
Safe - Open Minded - Accountable - Resilient

## Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

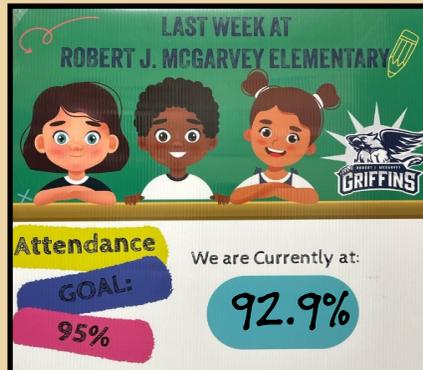
Week 23  
January 9, 2026



### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Let's help every Griffin S.O.A.R. high — one school day at a time!

Our goal is 95% attendance. Here's how we did last week:



### New school hours for 2026-27

8:40-3:10

Thursdays, early out @ 2:20AM  
Grades 1-6

AM TK & K is 8:40-12:11  
PM TK & K is 11:29-3:10

Start planning ahead...!

### Cell Phones & Smart Watches

As we start the second half of the school year, it's time for a reminder... While students are allowed to have 'mobile communication devices' on campus, **student cell phones and smart watches must be turned off and put away at all times while on campus.** Devices may be used when students are off-campus—that means **OUTSIDE** the gate.

Students waiting for the bus are still on-campus and may not use their cell phones unless there is a true emergency.

To protect our learning environment, devices in-use on campus will be collected by an administrator and kept in the school office for a parent to pick up.



### Open-Minded Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers. **Congrats!**

People show their light in many different ways.

#### Transitional Kindergarten

Leon  
Jayden

#### Kindergarten

Alana  
Nathanael  
Gurbani  
Alex

#### 1st Grade

Jared  
Cece  
Arya  
Brody

#### 2nd Grade

Taqwa  
Dalia  
Camila  
Hazel

#### 3rd Grade

Siddharth  
Nayamat  
Cameron T.  
DJ

#### 4th Grade

Olive  
Giselle  
Nolan J.  
Harper

#### 5th Grade

Lucas  
Elizabeth  
Ralph

#### 6th Grade

Mateo  
Marlene  
Maddox

### Principal's Corner

**WELCOME BACK!** We hope your family enjoyed a winter break from school! We're officially in the second half of the school year. There are still plenty of things to look forward to this year, and we're already starting our planning for next year. **Big news flash** - School will start at 8:40 next year! If it's hard for your family to get to school on time by 9:05, now's the time to start new routines & practice for an earlier start to the day.

**NEW YEARS RESOLUTION** Huge numbers of students are arriving to school late every day. Tardy kids have a hard time figuring out what's going on the lesson when they get here and their arrival causes a disruption. Please resolve to be at school every day **EARLY!**

**A TRACK HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD** Before we left for break, our A Trackers put together a lovely cultural celebration! Thanks for your generous participation, and sharing your family's favorite special foods of the season.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the Ahl-Herrera Family & Phenix Salon Suites of Sacramento for putting together holiday dinner gift baskets for five McGarvey families - from the turkey to all the fixin's. Such a generous way to support families right here in our neighborhood.

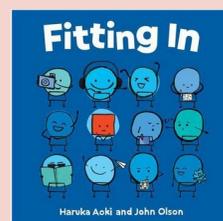
**MORE THANKS** to parents **Tina Manglona, Bri Castro, Brittany Smith, and Rebecca Lam** for a wonderful Santa event before winter break. It was a terrific family event that ended up with lots of smiles & overflowing tables of toy donations for **Hope for Hayes.**

**CHEERS TO 2026!** ♥ Dr. Mitchell

### The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:  
**BELONGING**

We all 'bee-long'!



Click the book cover for a link to a read aloud on YouTube.

**Griffin's Big Question**  
Is 'fitting in' the same as 'belonging'? How are they the same? How are they different?

Our S.O.A.R. trait next week is **Accountable**

*I am responsible for my contribution.*

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"  
- Dr. Seuss

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**NOTICE TO PARENTS**

**KINDERGARTEN**  
&  
**TRANSITIONAL**  
**KINDERGARTEN**

**If your child turns 4\* years old  
on or before September 1, 2026**

**you may register them for the  
2026-2027 school year**

**New Student Enrollment Packets  
available at the school office  
or online at [EGUSD.net](http://EGUSD.net) starting on:**

**January 20, 2026  
7:30AM**

**If you have questions about the  
Registration Process please ask your school office staff.**

[Transitional Kindergarten Eligible - Child turns 4 years old on or before  
September 1, 2026](#)

[Kindergarten Eligible- Child turns 5 years old on or before  
September 1, 2026](#)

## Important Dates

### January

- 12 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Practice
- 13 - 4:00 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game @ Tsukamoto
- 15 - 8:00 Safety Committee
- 15 - Fire Drill
- 15 - 5:00 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game @ CRES
- 15 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Game vs. Beitzel @ McGarvey
- 15 - 6:30 PFO Meeting
- 16 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Open Gym
- 16 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 19 - MLK Jr. Birthday NO SCHOOL
- 20 - TK/K Registration Opens for 2026-27**
- 20 - 3:30 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game @ Fite
- 21 - 4:00 Girls Basketball Game @ Batey
- 22 - 3:30 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game vs. Case @ McGarvey
- 22 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting
- 22-23 - 4th Grade Trip to Coloma (A & D)
- 23 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Open Gym
- 23 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 23 - A/B Deficiencies (Progress Reports)
- 23 - End of Tri 2 (D Track)
- 26 - PFO Valentine Gram Sales Start!
- 26 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Practice
- 27 - 4:00 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game @ Mix
- 28 - Dine Out Day Panda Express
- 28 - 6:00 7th Grade Orientation for Albiani Middle School (A & D Tracks)
- 29 - 8:00 PBIS Meeting
- 29 - 9:30 Donuts with the Principal
- 29 - 4:00 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game @ Pleasant Grove
- 30 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Open Gym
- 30 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice

**PFO Meeting  
ZOOM**

Thurs. 1/15  
@ 6:30

[LINK](#)

FUNDRAISER FOR

**Robert McGarvey Elementary Parent  
Faculty Organization**

## VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



**When**

**Wednesday, January 28,  
2026**

Place your order for pickup  
or delivery on Wednesday,  
January 28!

**Where**

**Available at Panda Express  
locations nationwide**  
[www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com)

**How**

**Online orders only**  
Apply code **9011309** in the  
Fundraiser Code box during  
online checkout at  
[www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com) or  
via App

### February

- 2 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Practice
- 3 - 3:35 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game vs. Butler @ home
- 3 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 3 - Earthquake Drill
- 4 - 12:50 1st Grade 'Celebrate America' Performance (A/D)
- 4 - Albiani Middle School visits 6th Grade Classes (A/D)
- 6 - 6:00 7th Grade Orientation for Albiani Middle School (B & C Tracks)
- 5 - 3:30 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game vs. Kennedy @ home
- 5 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Game @ West
- 6 - 10:00 D Track Awards
- 6 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Open Gym
- 6 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 6 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 6 - Track Change Day (D goes off) (Minimum Day)

# A TRACK **HOLIDAYS** *around the world*



Elk Grove Unified School District  
**EGUSD**

## 4th Annual **BLACK FAMILY CONFERENCE**



**Rest, Resist, Reset:**  
 Celebrating Strength, Joy, and Resilience

**SAVE THE DATE** **MARCH 7  
 2026**

LOCATION

EVENT SPONSORS

**Monterey Trail  
 High School**

Multi Purpose Room  
 8661 Power Inn Road  
 Elk Grove, CA 95624  
 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM



## Griffins Help Griffins Walk and Bike to School!

Walking and biking to school helps students stay healthy, learn better, and breathe cleaner air!

We need student and parent volunteers to scan our students in the Active4Me program on Wednesday mornings from 8:45am-9:00am.

**Sign up here!** Questions? Contact Erin Seymour at [erin66@gmail.com](mailto:erin66@gmail.com) or (916) 792-7462.



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